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REQUEST FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants request a Five-Month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to an Office communication mailed May 15, 2002 (Paper No. 9).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080 the appropriate extension fee of \$1,960.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

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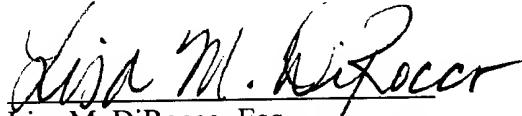
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